

In the Drawings:

The replacement drawing sheets 1-4 enclosed herein reproduce the same FIGS. 1-8, in the same order, as in the originally filed drawings.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, and 13-15 are pending in the application. Claims 17-19 have been canceled in order to expedite allowance of the application.

The paragraph at page 8, lines 14-17 of the specification (paragraph [0022] of the published application) has been amended to correct a typing error.

Replacement drawings have been requested. The enclosed replacement drawing sheets 1-4 reproduce the same figures, in the same order, as in the originally filed drawings and are believed to conform to the Examiner's request.

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 4 has been amended to correct the dependency, as suggested by the Examiner, rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1-3, 6, and 15 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of US Patent No. 7,229,089. A terminal disclaimer related to US Patent No. 7,229,089 is enclosed herewith.

Claims 1, 3 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Motoo in view of Hon US 4,438,942. It is submitted that neither Motoo nor Hon, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a folding bicycle having a front wheel fork rotatably attached to the bicycle frame and extending forwardly of the frame. Moreover, neither Motoo nor Hon teach a front wheel mounted to a linkage assembly which is rotatably coupled to the front wheel fork at a first end and detachably coupled to the front wheel fork at a second end. In contrast, both Motoo and Hon provide a front wheel, which is directly mounted onto the fork. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 3, and 13 are respectfully traversed.

Claims 2 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Motoo in view of Hon and further in view of Mueller; claims 2 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Motoo in view of Hon and further in view of Fan DE 203 00 031; claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Motoo in view of Hon and further in view of Paioli US 4,582,335, and claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Motoo in view of Hon and further in view of Underwood US 4,441,729.

Motoo and Hon have been discussed above, and, for the reasons noted above, claims 2 and 6 are patentable over those references. It is submitted that Mueller, Fan, Paioli and Underwood fail to

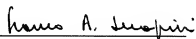
fill the deficiencies of Motoo and Fan and, accordingly, the rejections of claims 2, 4, 6, 14 and 15 are respectfully traversed.

Conclusion

It is believed that all objections and rejections in the application have been addressed and that the present application is in condition for allowance. A favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

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